

## PANIC IN A CHICAGO HOTEL.

### ONE HUNDRED GUESTS OF THE SARATOGA EUROPEAN NARROWLY ESCAPE

**Awakened by Cries of Fire and Rushing Madly Through the Halls Clad in Their Nightclothes—Some of the Guests Are Missing, but No Dead Bodies Have So Far Been Found.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Not fewer than 100 guests, occupying six floors of the Saratoga European Hotel, in Dearborn street, were aroused from their beds shortly before 5 o'clock this morning by the ringing of an electric fire-alarm in their rooms. Smoke was pouring through the halls and creeping in at the transoms.

Cries of "Fire!" were heard on every landing, and an indescribable panic ensued. Few stopped to secure their clothing or valuables. Men and women fled through the halls, down the stairway and out into the street clad in their nightclothes. The clattering of the fire engines aroused the occupants of several hotels in the neighborhood, and the excitement became intense.

The inmates tumbled over each other down the stairs in their hurry to escape. An overcoat or a cloak over the nightclothes was thrown

The Windor was overcrowded last night and there was, therefore, no room for those who had not taken refuge in the Windor. The Hotel sought hallways in the buildings surrounding in which to don their cloths.

building flooded four women, scantily clad and shivering with the cold. Many told stories of their narrow escapes.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It started in the kitchen of the Saratoga restaurant and soon the flames were high above the roof of the seven-story structure and threatening the *Journal* building to the south and the Windsor Hotel across the alley to the north. Half an hour's hard work subdued the fire sufficiently to allow the truck companies to hoist their ladders and make a search of the rooms. It was at first believed that some of the guests had been caught in the fire, but none were found.

At 15, after several of the engines had been dismissed, the smoke got fresh on the top floor, and in a short while the entire seventh floor was ablaze, with a strong breeze fanning it in the direction of the *Journal* building to the south. The rear, from the lower floor clean to the roof, was also ablaze, the shaft formerly used as a

freight elevator acting as a flue. The building was flooded with water, and soon the fire

Several guests of the Saratoga are missing though a thorough search failed to find any.

dead bodies in the building. Many of the guests were injured during their flight out of the hotel.

Loss to property not known.

LATER.—Investigation shows that no lives were lost.

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**Alleged Revival of the Buzzard Gang.**  
(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)  
Nov. 17.—Evidence is becoming abundant that the famous Welsh Mountain gang of which the Buzzard boys were the ringleaders is being revived. Of late robberies have been frequent around Ephrata and Manheim, and Tuesday night no less than three petty burglaries were committed at Bowmanville, a small village between this place and New Holland, where they broke into a house and carried off \$1,000.

**Death of Attorney A. A. Cohen.**  
[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]  
OMAHA, Nov. 17. Alfred A. Cohen, attorney for the Central Pacific Railroad, died on a west-bound Union Pacific train between Sidney and Cheyenne yesterday. He was en route from New York to San Francisco, having left the former city last week in his special car. He had been seriously ill. The remains were placed in a casket at Cheyenne and sent on to San Francisco.

**Armor for the Government War-Ships.**  
[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]  
PITTSBURGH, Nov. 12.—The Pittsburgh Steel Casting Company will receive within a day or two the Government orders for the heavy armor plates for which it successfully bid. An explanatory letter

for the illness of Secretary Whitney the order would have been here some time ago.

**An Aged Woman Sent to the Workhouse.**  
[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]  
PITTSBURGH, Nov. 17.—The pitiable sight of a woman, eighty-six years of age, being sent to the workhouse for six months was witnessed here yesterday. She was convicted of selling liquor without a license.

**Mine-Owner Scott Will Not Advance Wages.**  
[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]  
PITTSBURGH, Nov. 17.—The five cents' advance for coal mining agreed upon by the Columbus Convention has been refused at the extensive mines owned by Congressman Scott, of Erie.

**Telegraphic Brevities.**  
NEWARK, Nov. 17.—Rev. Dr. Francis L. Patton has been chosen to succeed Dr. McCosh as President of Princeton University.  
LAURENCE, Mich., Nov. 17.—The Hancock

**CHEMICAL COMPANY'S** packing-house for dynamite blew up yesterday, killing six men.

**GEN. SPARKS**, Nov. 17.—Friend of Gen. Sparks, the routing of the commissioner, say that it is the intention of that gentleman to enter the race for the Illinois governorship next year.

**BRADFORD, ARK.**, Nov. 17.—The smoke from the extensive forest fires in this vicinity is so dense that the railroad has been closed for several days. Two passenger trains collided at this place yesterday, several men being severely injured.

**CHICAGO**, Nov. 17.—Miner and Carson, the men arrested here for complicity in the robbery of the Horstman Gas Company in London, have been charged with the petroleum case in the \$200,000 fraud trial from the office of James Young, a New York real estate broker, in 1896.